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A RESOLUTION

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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TO REQUEST THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
TO ENACT AN EQUITABLE FUNDING MECHANISM  
FOR MARTA AND TO RESTRUCTURE THE MARTA  
BOARD

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CITY COUNCIL

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Readings

☒ Consent ☐ V Vote ☐ RC Vote

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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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MAYOR'S ACTION

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THE MARTA BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the metropolitan Atlanta area faces serious problems of air and water pollution, overcrowded roads and highways, overburdened public infrastructure, and other concerns caused by a growing population; and

**WHEREAS**, these problems threaten the physical, social and economic well-being of all citizens and taxpayers of the metropolitan Atlanta area; and

**WHEREAS**, a regional transportation plan and public transit system, equitably funded by and serving all of the jurisdictions in the metropolitan Atlanta area, is essential if the area is to effectively address these problems and concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Georgia, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, the Atlanta Regional Commission and the local jurisdictions in the metropolitan Atlanta area all recognize the critical importance of MARTA in helping to address the serious pollution and transportation problems facing the entire area; and

**WHEREAS**, the original and present mechanism for funding the tasks of maintaining and improving MARTA may have been appropriate when MARTA was first established; however, the growth of the metropolitan Atlanta area and the regional population patterns that now characterize metropolitan Atlanta demand a more fair and equitable funding program; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA has clearly become a regional transportation system, while the costs of maintaining and improving MARTA fall disproportionately on the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, while approximately 44% of the MARTA system's park and ride users reside outside of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb Counties, only the City of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb Counties are required to dedicate a 1% sales tax to fund the maintenance and improvement of MARTA; and

**WHEREAS**, while a substantial percentage of the users of MARTA reside outside of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb Counties, the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb Counties must bear the principal responsibility for funding MARTA; and

**WHEREAS**, a fair and equitable funding mechanism for MARTA, one which does not force the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb Counties to bear the primary responsibility for the costs of MARTA, is appropriate and necessary for MARTA's continued financial health and to help MARTA successfully fulfill its responsibilities as a critical regional transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA is presently governed by a Board of Directors which includes representatives of state agencies, appointed by the Governor, which provide very little or no financial assistance to MARTA; and

**WHEREAS**, the MARTA Board also includes representatives from jurisdictions other than the City of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb Counties, which contribute very little or no financial assistance to MARTA; and

**WHEREAS**, it is clear that the MARTA Board should not include representatives from any state agencies or local jurisdictions that do not substantially and equitably contribute to the costs of maintaining and improving MARTA:

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA** hereby resolves that the City of Atlanta recognizes that the MARTA system is a regional transportation system and that the costs of maintaining and improving the system should be equitably shared by the State of Georgia and all local jurisdictions within the metropolitan Atlanta area.

**Be it further resolved** that the City of Atlanta recognizes the costs of maintaining and improving the MARTA system are presently not being equitably shared, and that the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb Counties are burdened with an unreasonable and inequitable responsibility for the financial success of MARTA.

**Be it further resolved** that the City of Atlanta supports the continuing financial viability of MARTA, and supports all fair and equitable measures necessary and appropriate to ensure the continued delivery of transportation services by MARTA for the benefit of the entire metropolitan Atlanta area.

**Be it further resolved** that the City of Atlanta requests the introduction and adoption of legislation by the Georgia General Assembly in 2001 to ensure that the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb Counties do not continue to be burdened with an unreasonable and inequitable responsibility for the financial success of MARTA.

**Be it further resolved** that the City of Atlanta requests the introduction and adoption of legislation by the Georgia General Assembly in 2001 to enact a fair and equitable funding mechanism for MARTA to ensure that the State of Georgia and all local jurisdictions in the metropolitan Atlanta area share equitably in the costs of maintaining and improving MARTA.

**Be it further resolved** that the City of Atlanta requests the introduction and adoption of legislation by the Georgia General Assembly in 2001 to restructure the MARTA Board of Directors to ensure that only those jurisdictions which substantially and equitably contribute to the costs of maintaining and improving MARTA are entitled to representation on the MARTA Board.

**Be it further resolved** that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.